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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object of this invention to provide a tubular film having a high film thickness uniformity and suitable for a fixing film of an image forming apparatus. To achieve this object, a thermoplastic sheet film is so wound that the leading and trailing ends of the film partially overlap each other to form overlapping portions, and the wound film is heated between a core member and a tubular molding member.

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